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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment

1. The amendment filed on 9/27/2007 has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 9/27/2007 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1-4 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (5,472,063).**

Watanabe et al. in figures 1-10, disclose a power unit mounting assembling and method for mounting a power unit (5) including a power source (3) and a speed reducer (4) on a car body frame (1). Watanabe et al. also disclose a mount (11) carrying a static load of the power unit, which is interposed between the power unit and the car body frame. Watanabe et al. also disclose a sub-frame (36b) attached on the car body frame between the power unit and the car body frame. The method comprises in succession:

a first step of assembling the power unit into the sub-frame in the same position as in a mounted state on the car body frame by supporting the power unit via an on-board mount (35c, 36c) disposed between the power unit and the sub-frame. Watanabe et al. also disclose a second step of attaching the sub-frame on which the power unit is mounted at the first step to the car body frame and a third step of supporting the power unit via the mount on the car body frame.

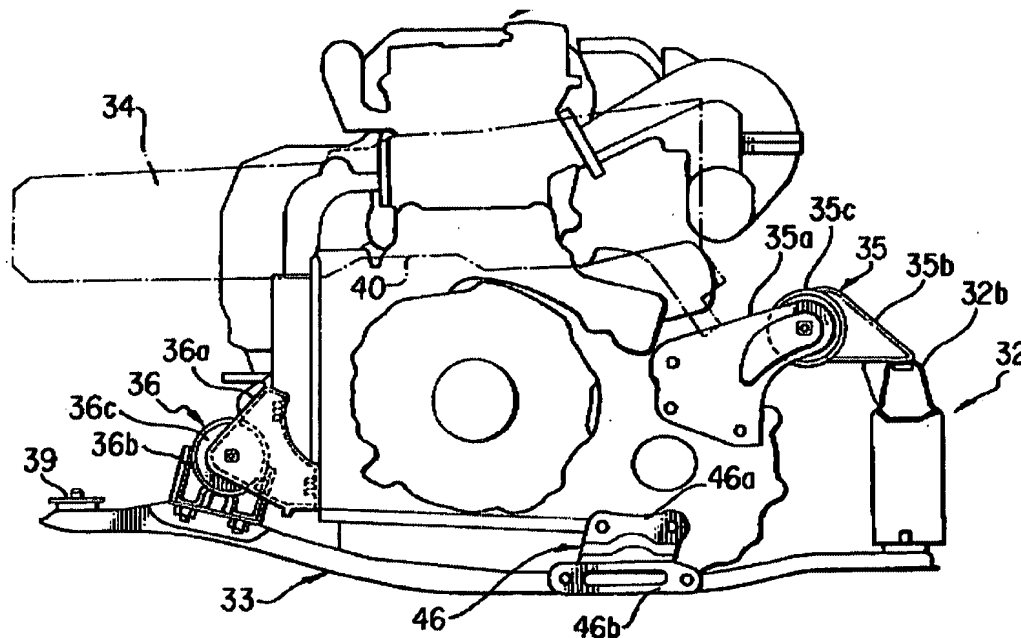


FIG. 9

Regarding claim 2, Watanabe et al. disclose the on-board mount that is removed from between the sub-frame and the power unit after the end of the third step.

Regarding claim 3, Watanabe et al. disclose the mount including a power source side mount and a speed reducer side mount (see figure 1), which are interposed

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between roughly both end portions of the power unit along a principal axis of inertia (C) and the car body frame to share the static load of the power unit, wherein the power unit is mounted on the car body frame in such a way as to interpose an almost horizontal torque rod between the sub-frame to be attached on the car body frame and a portion of the power unit apart from the principal axis of inertia and wherein the first step includes assembling the power unit into the sub-frame in the almost same attitude as in the mounted state on the car body frame by connecting the power unit and the sub-frame via the torque rod and supporting at least two positions on a lower portion of the power unit on the sub-frame via the on-board mount.

Regarding claim 4, Watanabe et al. disclose the power source side mount, the speed reducer side mount and the on-board mounts comprising supported members attached to the power unit. The supporting members attached to the car body frame and the sub-frame. Watanabe et al. also disclose mount rubbers, which is interposed between the supported members and the supporting members corresponding and wherein the rubber contents of the mount rubbers provided for the on-board mounts that are set to be smaller than the rubber contents of the mount rubbers provided for the power source side mount and the speed reducer side mount.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 5-6 and 8-11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments filed 9/27/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In response to applicant's remark that Watanabe does not disclose a sub-frame and mounting means, which are not disposed between the power plant and the sub-frame. The examiner disagrees, because Watanabe in figure 9, disclose a frame (33), mounting means (36) having a mounting bracket (36a) secured to a front end portion of power plat (5) and a mounting bracket (36b) secured to a frame (33). The mounting bracket (36b) can be considered a sub-frame and an elastic rubber mount (36c) can be considered an on-board mount. Watanabe disclose the front body structure of the vehicle having structures that read on the claim limitation. Therefore; the method of mounting the power unit on the vehicle body frame can be the same as the mounting steps of the applicant.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-6696. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis can be reached on 571-272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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